

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

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Summer Bash 2003...Details on page 3

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A Word From The Prez by John, K6AM



Are you guys ready to party? Its time for the big bash at W6YA again Sunday, Aug 24. All the plans are set for biggest one ever! We'll have plenty of great food cooked up by members of your board, and lots of beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Don't forget Jim's special chips and salsa. Jim has been doing the Bash for more years than he cares to remember and always draws the largest crowds. Don't miss this one.

A giant kudos to the entire SDDXC Field Day team! Once again this year we put forth a world-class effort. You saw the photos in last month's bulletin and the logs have now been tabulated. Our score was only a few hundred points less than last year's west coast record setter despite the fact that 15 meters was dead during much of the weekend.

Considering that we were 2000 points ahead of the second place team last year, we have an excellent shot at the number one spot again this year. A great time was had by all.

As cycle 23 squeezes out the last remaining days of 100+ solar flux, we should be getting ready for one more useable DX season. There are several DX'peditions coming up and hundreds of trekkers including myself are finalizing plans to travel to some exotic spot for the contests coming up. I'll let you know when to be ready to work us!

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Summer Bash is HERE!!!!!! See Page 3!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 31, 2003

Balance as of Jun 30, 03: \$2,564.67
Income:
State Tax Filing Refund: 10.00
TOTAL: 10.00

Expenses:
Bank Copying Fee: 4.00
Speaker's Mugs (W6YI, N5XX):
25.86
Field Day Food: 73.02
Dinner Expenses:
20.17
TOTAL: 123.05

Balance as of Jul 31, 03:
\$2,451.62
Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00
Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$2,471.62

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2003

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on July 23, 2003 at the Hindquarter Restaurant. President John Barcroft, K6AM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 28 members and guest present.

The DX Roundtable was interesting as usual with many complaints about the lousy band conditions. Board of Directors member Terry Baxter, N6CW, announced that he had been awarded DXCC on "The Magic Band", 6 Meters. Congratulations Terry! Dennis, N6KI talked about QSL cards and the problem of many duplicates especially from Japan.

President John, K6AM, announced the Top Ten List for RTTY with the top position going to Uncle Ed, W6KUT.

President John, K6AM, presented a Speaker's Cup to Jim, W6YI to thank him for opening his home to the club for the June meeting.

John, K6AM presented Dennis, N6KI with his plaque that he, Dennis, and Danny, N6MJ as the K6AM team won as Division leaders in the 2002 CW Sweepstakes. Consider their contest exchange: 1### M K6AM 62 ORG and they still managed 1333 QSOs. Wow! Congratulations!

Harry, W6YOO, talked about the upcoming SAN-DARC/ARRL Ham Radio Roundup to be held on August

16. There did not appear to be member interest in SDDXC participation.

VP Jim, K6ZH brought up the subject of a SDDXC holiday party in late November, early December. A suitable location remains to be found, preferably at a member's residence as in past years.

PROGRAM:

The evening's program was presented by Clark Straw, N5XX, who, in his boat the "Final Straw" sailed around Baja and across the Pacific, visiting a number of islands. Beautiful photography. President John, K6AM presented Clark with a SDDXC Speaker's Mug in appreciation.

Collecting for the dinner was Peggy Helms, KA6PEG. Thanks Peggy.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

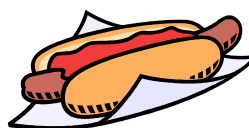
Summer Bash 2003

The 2003 Summer Bash will again be held at the QTH of W6YA in Leucadia. It is sponsored by the San Diego DX Club. It will be August 24 at 1:00 PM. Food and refreshments are provided. All DXers and contesters are invited. Please note the directions to Jim's house, as we have some local access problems with the city of Encinitas which have not yet been resolved.

Take I-5 south to Leucadia Blvd (one exit past La Costa). From San Diego go one exit past Encinitas Blvd. Go east 1/2 mile to Woodley Place (do NOT turn at Passiflora Avenue!!). Turn right and go to the end of the street.

Ignore Jim's mailing address. MapQuest, Yahoo Maps, etc. will get you lost.

If there is no parking, follow signs directing to the LEFT ONLY. **Please make no attempt to park or access the dirt road on the west side.** Parking will be along the next street over on the east side. When you leave, follow this street (Sidonia) south around the curve and to the west. Turn right at the stop sign (Saxony) and left on Leucadia Blvd.



THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY

8/03	8/02	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	W6KUT	40	190	190	243	
2.	3.	W6YOO	36	224	226	226	+4
3.	4.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
4.	5.	N7CW	28	28	183	+32	
5.	-	K7JJ		94	94	143	NEW
6.	6.	K6XT	36	?	?	132	-
7.	7.	N6ND		9	9	129	-
8.	8	K6KT		36	36	127	-
9.	9.	W6EUF		97	97	121	-
10.		W6TUR		8	8	8	-

Not too much action reported again this year with the notable exception of N7CW who continues to rack 'em up and K7JJ checking in from Hemet. RTTY is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK32 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot mode is now heard mostly on the contest weekends.

All you need is a sound blaster card and some K6STI software or an old PacRatt to get going. Most of the expe-

ditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and RTTY followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

2003 Southwestern Division Convention

September 5, 6 & 7th

Long Beach Hilton

Long Beach, Ca

www.hamcon.org

SDDXC and Pt Loma ARC Team For Another Successful Field Day

by Jim, K6ZH

Members of SDDXC and the Point Loma ARC put together yet another amazing Field Day operation for 2003, under the thorough and meticulous leadership of FD Chairman John, K6AM. Other participants included Bob, AK6R whose huge trailer-mounted antennas were used once again; Arnie, W7BIA who obtained an emergency communications van for the weekend; Jim, K6ZH; Bud, N7CW; Terry, N6CW; Glenn, K6NA; and our guest from Yuma - Dave, K6LL. In addition, Larry, N6NC came out of "retirement" to be one of the Get on the Air (GOTA) operators - joining Lenny, N5IEX; Claire, N5INM; Carol, WA7BIA; and John, KG6CXT who hosted us in his building at SPAWAR Systems Center on Pt. Loma.

So how did we do? First the bad news: band condx were substantially worse than last year - so no matter how hard we tried, we were stuck with Mother Nature. BUT even with that, the preliminary tally looks like over 14K points, only slightly down from last year. It will be a very competitive score. And we did a few things better this year: the GOTA operation was much smoother, the VHF operation was more coordinated (e.g. moving other stations around from band-to-band), and we had virtually no Murphy problems - we sure did last year!

Even though FD is not a contest per se, it does offer than same "feel" in terms of on-the-air operations. But the more critical element here is getting ready to DO Field Day. The magnitude of the operation that we have assembled this past 3 years shows that we, the San Diego DX Club, can put a world-class ham station on the air in a matter of hours from just about anywhere, and operate it competently for an indefinite amount of time if and when it's really needed for emergency communications. That's what FD is all about!



DXCC Annual List deadline approaching:

The ARRL DXCC Desk says the deadline to submit applications for the 2003 DXCC Annual List is rapidly approaching. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2003. For more information, contact DXCC Manager Bill More, NC1L, dxcc@arrl.org.

Ham Radio Roundup

Saturday, August 16, 2003

1000 to 1500 Hrs

Hilltop Community Recreation Center

9711 Oviedo Drive

San Diego, Ca 92129

<http://sanarrl.org/>

For more info

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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